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1. EVOLUTION OF MARINE (SUBSEA) DRILLING SYSTEMS
2. OVER 30 YEARS AGO, IN 1943, THE FIRST UNDERWATER
DRILLING AND COMPLETION SYSTEM WAS INSTALLED. A DIVER
WENT DOWN IN LAKE ERIE AND INSTALLED LADE TYPE WELLHEAD
EQUIPMENT UNDER THE WATER.
3. TODAY, WE CAN NO LONGER USE LAND TYPE EQUIPMENT, BE-
CAUSE WE NEED TO WORK IN DEEPER WATERS. NOW, WE HAVE DY-
NAMICALLY POSITIONED DRILLING RIGS THAT CAN BE PROGRAMMED
TO HOLD THEIR POSITION IN ANY DEPTH OF WATER.
4. WELLS HAVE BEEN DRILLED IN WATER DEPTHS EXCEEDING 2000
FEET, AND SUBSEA COMPLETIONS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED IN WATER
DEPTHS BELOW 400 FEET ALL WITHOUT THE USE OF DIVERS.

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5. IN ADDITION TO REVIEWING THE ABOVE, WE ALSO EXPLAIN

THE INNOVATIONS AND DEVELOPMENTS IN WELLHEAD AND CONTROL

SYSTEMS THAT PERMIT DEEP SEA DRILLING PROGRAMS TO PROGRESS
AS FAR AS THEY HAVE. AND THEN WE CLOSE WITH A BRIEF LOOK
AT WHAT IS PLANNED FOR THE FUTURE. KISSINGER

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